

# LOCAL PTA ACTIVITIES

## Halldale

"Home Team Huddle" was the topic of Halldale PTA's association meeting, Mrs. David P. Goolsby, president of the association, opened the meeting, and the flag salute was led by Claudia Bowers, Carolyn Schilling and Valerie Neal of Girl Scout Troop 688 sponsored by the Halldale PTA under the direction of Mrs. Edward M. Clark.

An inspirational message, "Faith To Live By," was given by Mrs. D. K. Mitchell, home service chairman.

Mrs. Ray M. Rhoads, program chairman, introduced Mrs. Minot Rugg of Torrance Terrace Garden Club, who in turn presented Mrs. Victor Benstead and Mrs. A. C. Turner, instructors in flower arrangement design. Mmes. Rugg and Benstead gave members of the association pointers on flower and table arrangements.

Mrs. Rhoads then introduced Mrs. Wm. Roccolebank, gift wrapping instructor of San Pedro. Mrs. Roccolebank presented a delightful demonstration on gift wrapping.

Mrs. George D. Weeks, president of Lomita-San Pedro Council PTA was an honored guest. All members were reminded of the paper drive scheduled for Wednesday Nov. 23rd. Proceeds from this drive will be divided evenly between the PTA and the student body.

Mrs. William Brock, community chest chairman, thanked all who worked on the residential Chest drive and reported that the quota was exceeded.

Another reminder for December project is the collection of any good used comic picture, or Golden books or magazines to be placed in the picture room of the PTA's clinic. More information may be obtained by calling Mrs. T. W. Moore, child welfare chairman. Mrs. Richard Carrier, announced a First Aid Class in the making. During the social hour refreshments were served from a lace covered tea table. Adorning the table was a flower arrangement in an autumn pattern created by Mrs. Wm. H. Dunston, art and craft chairman. Pouring at the tea table were Mrs. A. G. Schilling and Mrs. Louis Funk.

The next board meeting will be held on Friday, Dec. 2nd at 9:30 a.m. in the teachers room, at the school.

## H. Wood

A combination rummage and bake sale under the direction of Mrs. D. Clark, will be held at the Civic Auditorium on Friday, Nov. 17, from 11 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. There will be an auction of unusual items at 4:30, conducted by James Armstrong, eighth grade teacher.

Any persons having items for the rummage sale or for the bake sale may call the Howard Wood School for pick-up service.

The last association meeting was held Nov. 3, Sgt. Moe Niles of the Torrance Police Dept., spoke on "Safety" and answered questions from the floor. The opening flag salute was given by Miss Cleone McComas of Brownie Troop 550.

At the previous board meeting the committee on "Permanent Equipment" reported its findings to the board and recommended a student library be set up and maintained by the PTA. The recommendation was adopted by the group.

The committee appointed by the president, Mrs. William Dickson, consists of Mrs. Viskosil, Miss Whitney, and Mrs. Ray Horner, Mrs. C. Hawley and Mrs. Lee Pollock. A chairman will be selected at the first meeting to be held at the home of Mrs. Hawley.

A letter of resignation was read from Mrs. Dana Houston. The school nurse, Mrs. Dunn, spoke on dental health.

Plans are being made for a parent education study group by Mrs. Lee Pollock, chairman.

Attendance prize was won by Mrs. Babcock's room 7 for the upper grade and Mrs. Markham and Mrs. Lawrence's room for the lower grades.

## 186th Street

"Local Service to Youth" was the topic of a panel discussion of our prominent men of the community at the meeting of the 186th St. PTA, held Nov. 10 at the school. Speakers were Robert Felder, executive secretary of the Gardena YMCA; Charles Broadwater, director of recreation of the City of Gardena; Lt. Floyd Phillips of the 77th Division Los Angeles Police Force; and Inspector Walter Chartrand of the LA Fire Dept.

Lt. Phillips emphasized the positive side of the activities the police department provides for children, including the sponsoring of Scout and DAP groups. Inspector Chartrand stressed the fire prevention program, and Felder and Broadwater outlined the clubs and recreations sponsored by their organizations.

Members of the PTA voted to participate in the Gardena-Wilmington Christmas project for exceptional children. Miss Ruth Engdahl, principal gave the progress of the building program and announced that half-day sessions would end.

A social hour followed the meeting and refreshments were served by the 6th grade room representatives.

Prizes went to Mrs. Bower's room, and Mr. Lyon's room.

## FERN-GREENWOOD

"Learning the Signals" will set the theme for the regular monthly meeting of the Fern-Greenwood Parent-Teacher Association which will be held to night at 7:30 in the Fern Ave. Cafeteria. The President, Mrs. P. T. Underwood, will call the meeting to order. The Flag Salute will be led by Mrs. J. Bryant. Cub Pack 201C had added two new dens.

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Some of the youngsters have stated they would like to play Chess at lunch time, so the PTA will donate 5 Chess games to further their interest. A donation was also made to the school Library which under the direction of Mrs. N. Fedorkuk. The Librarians are very interested in the Library and donations of books by parents are gratefully accepted.

The next meeting of the PTA, was Wednesday, Nov. 16th.

## Madrona

Madrona PTA held its board meeting Wednesday, Nov. 9th. A motion was made, seconded and carried to sponsor another troop of brownies, under the leadership of Mrs. J. Bryant. Cub Pack 201C had added two new dens.

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## G. W. Council

Mrs. Steve Byers, Magazine Chairman, Los Angeles Tenth District, CCPT, will present "Using Our Magazine" as the topic for the Nov. 18th meeting of the Gardena-Wilmington Council PTA, following a breakfast, to be held at Harbor Junior College, 1111 Figueroa, Wilmington, with Mrs. W. A. Blacker, president, presiding.

A membership poster contest will be held in the Gardena-Wilmington Council, with entries from the 18 local PTA units being on display. Mothersingers from Fries Ave. PTA and student participation from Gulf Ave. School will complete the program. Members of Fries Ave. PTA and Gulf Ave. PTA are co-hosts. Magazine chairman and membership chairman are especially invited to attend.

A rhythm roundup and choral reading by Mrs. R. Brundin and Mrs. L. Dyer will play a duet. Refreshments will be served by the Third Grade Mothers.

Total membership of the PTA is now 498 and parents are still urged to join and attend the meetings.

The Hostesses for refreshments were, Mesdames E. Vaughn, C. Huff, A. U. Turner, D. Harding, L. D. Muehleck, and Mrs. J. W. Cassidy.

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## No. Torrance

The regular monthly meeting of the North Torrance Elementary PTA was held in the school cafeteria on Nov. 3rd. Present to hear the reports on a successful carnival and membership campaign were Mmes. Robert Payne, president, and A. Nichols, H. York, F. Stoeckle, C. Harris, J. Tardaguila, C. Spang, B. Peters, L. Nelson, C. Long, C. Sewell, T. Rogers, D. Jackson, T. Knighten, H. Rappaport and Mrs. Margaret Demarsh, principal.

Following the inspirational, given by Mrs. Clark Harris, and Mrs. Tone Rogers, secretary's report, the carnival chairman, Mrs. J. Tardaguila, was able to announce that the Halloween carnival was a huge success and expressed her appreciation for the many who helped make it so. Proceeds from the event will meet the PTA budget for the year.

The membership enrollment campaign went well over the goal set, Chairman Mrs. T. Knighten's tabulation showed. The prize in the upper grades for the greatest enrollment goes to Mr. Lewis' sixth grade room, and Mrs. Siegel's fourth grade room made a grand sweep of

## Walteria

Walteria PTA executive board met at the home of the president, Mrs. Charles Jackson on Nov. 3. Those present were Mmes. John Herjo, Loren Skinner, Martin Burke, C. W. Johnson, Richard DeMott, Carl Cramer, R. F. Maynes, Fred White, Charles Jackson, A. Artuso, J. Cienka, Henry Fink, George Powell, Hector Herrera, Ivan Lewis, E. B. Pfau, Glen Hardcastle, William T. Allen and Mmes. Glen Hardcastle and Alfred Artuso.

A paper drive to be held Nov. 28 was announced. Highlight of the meeting was a baby shower given for Mr. Artuso.

The regular PTA meeting was held Thursday, Nov. 10.

## 259th Place

"TEAMWORK WITH FACULTY" is the theme for this afternoon's meeting at 2 o'clock. In the auditorium at 259th Place School. A Do It Yourself Show by the faculty will highlight the program. Mr. Kenneth Engleman is in charge of the show. The mother singer group will also furnish entertainment. The Committee featured, will be School Education. The room exhibit and Hostesses will be A-5-B.

The Board members of the 259th Place School met at the new home of their president, Mrs. R. E. Prandin. The motion was made and carried to furnish child care for PTA association meetings, board meetings and mother singer meetings. They would like to make the playground facilities more interesting so the children would not want to disturb their mothers during the meetings.

Don't forget that December 1st is safe driving day. Let us see if we can improve over last year's goal.

There is a great need for comic books, etc. in good condition for the dental clinic at San Pedro. If you have any to give please bring them to the PTA meeting today.

Mrs. H. O. Roberts said the Community Chest Drive will end Tuesday. At this point we have reached approximately 80 per cent of our goal.

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